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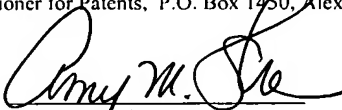
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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,477,616 B1 to Tsuyoshi Takahashi, issued November 5, 2002; and,
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,459,850 to Clay et al., issued October 17, 1995.

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1. International PCT Publication No. WO 00/49488 to Applicant: Memory Corporation PLC, published on August 24, 2000;
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3. United Kingdom Patent Publication No. GB 2 291 991 to Applicant: Memory Corporation, published on February 7, 1996; and,
4. European Publication No. EP 0 615 184 A2 to Applicant: IBM Corporation, published on September 14, 1994.

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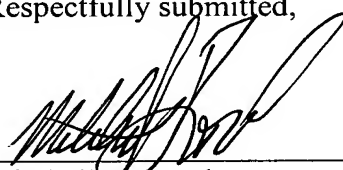
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